

ABSTRACT

Face-to-face information exchange and fostering of human relations implemented by communication through the virtual world are favorably supported. A user's personal information or other real-world information related to the user is taken one after another into a portable device with memory incorporated. Further, data is taken out of the device and matched with data from another user's device. Thus, information exchange and fostering of human relations are supported in the real world through the virtual world. For example, the present invention is used to provide places for intra-generational and intergenerational encounters or to build message boards for job hunting activities or looking for a match.